Issue Brief – Required Reports

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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REPORTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE OR INTENT LANGUAGE

The following four reports are required by statute:

- 1. Division of Child and Family Services UCA 62A-4a-117 (5) (5): Before January 1 each year the director shall submit a written report describing the difference between actual performance and performance goals for the prior fiscal year to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel, the Joint Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Utah Tomorrow Strategic Planning Committee. The report shall include:
- (a) a summary of the division's efforts during the prior fiscal year to implement the Performance Milestone Plan;
- (b) a summary of how performance must be improved to achieve full implementation of the Performance Milestone Plan;
- (c) data on the extent to which new and experienced division employees have received training pursuant to statute and division policy;
- (d) an analysis of the use and efficacy of family preservation services, both before and after removal of children from their homes; and
- (e) a description of the extent to which the pilot program under Section **62A-4a-202.7** has been expanded during the prior fiscal year and an explanation of how the performance of regions that have previously implemented the program has been affected by the program, including data showing the number of referrals to the division:
- (i) accepted for an investigation;
- (ii) accepted for a family assessment; or
- (iii) not accepted. (See Appendix A)
- 2. Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health UCA 62A-15-103 (2) (g): by July 1 of each year, provide to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee a written report that includes: (i) the annual audit and review, (ii) the financial expenditures of each local substance abuse authority and its contract provider and each local mental health authority and its contract provider; (iii) the status of the compliance of each local authority and its contract provider with its plan, state statutes, and the provisions of the contract awarded; and (iv) whether audit guidelines established under Section 62A-15-110 and Subsection 67-3-1(10) provide the division with sufficient criteria and assurances of appropriate expenditures of public funds; and (h) if requested by the Health and Human Services Interim Committee or the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, provide an oral report as requested. (See Appendix B)
- **3. Drug Courts UCA 63-97-201** (4): To the extent that funds will be available for appropriation in a given fiscal year, those funds shall be appropriated from the account in the following order:
- (a) \$10,300,000 to the Department of Health for the Children's Health Insurance Program created in Section **26-40-103** and for restoration of dental benefits in the Children's Health Insurance Program;
- (b) \$4,000,000 to the Department of Health for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention, reduction, cessation, and control programs that promote unified messages and make use of media outlets, including radio, newspaper, billboards, and television, and with a preference in funding given to tobacco-related programs;
- (c) \$193,700 to the Administrative Office of the Courts and \$1,296,300 to the Department of

Human Services for the statewide expansion of the drug court program;

- (d) \$77,400 to the Board of Pardons, \$81,700 to the Department of Corrections, and \$350,900 to the Department of Human Services for a drug board pilot program; (6) Each state agency identified in Subsection (4) shall provide an annual report on the program and activities funded under Subsection (4) to:
- (a) the Health and Human Services Interim Committee no later than September 1; and
- (b) the Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee. (See Appendix C)
- **4. Adult and Aging Services:** UCA 62A-3-110 (2) (c) Provide an annual report on the "Out and About" Homebound Transportation Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee. (See Appendix D)

The following three reports are required by intent language:

- 1. Divisions of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and Child and Family Services H.B. 150, Items 93 and 96: It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in conjunction with the Division of Child and Family Services provide a written report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by the 2008 General Session on the use of the funds, how many individuals were served, the effectiveness of the treatment services, and the fiscal impact on current funding levels for children in state custody. (See Appendix E)
- 2. Division of Services for People with Disabilities H. B. 150, Item 94: It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) use nonlapsing funds to provide services for individuals needing emergency services, individuals needing additional waiver services, individuals who turn 18 years old and leave state custody from the Divisions of Child and Family Services and Juvenile Justice Services, and individuals court ordered into DSPD services. DSPD will report to the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst on the use of these funds. (See Appendix F)
- 3. Contract Provider Study H.B. 150, Items 93,94,96,97: It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst conduct a study of contract rates of local and private providers and submit a written report with recommendations to be presented to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by the 2008 General Session. (See Appendix G)